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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Michael F. WRIGHT, et al.  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicants submit the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicants are aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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**U.S. Patents**

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| 1,887,600 | Replogle         |
| 3,543,325 | Hamrick          |
| 3,626,545 | Sparrow          |
| 5,080,697 | Finke            |
| 5,106,488 | Jonasson         |
| 5,725,623 | Bowerman, et al. |

**Foreign Patents**

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| 479,455      | United Kingdom |
| 1,111,074    | United Kingdom |
| 0 489 468 A1 | European       |

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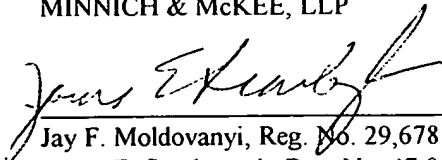
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It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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